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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:
Blanca Scoping Meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Historic and Cultural Sites, Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Project Purpose and Need, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

Property Uses:

Residential

Comment:

Think that it should go further south where there is not as much development. An environmental impact study should be done. We have migration routes through the corridor, both on the ground and in the air that should be considered. It won't help home values and the looks of the transmission lines are an eye sore. Don't see where we will get any benefit from the lines. They will be run to close to the school and community center and there is no clear evidence showing that it is not harmful to people or the environment. They are noisy. If they were to come through here, they should like everyone else should have to bury the lines no matter what the cost is to them. Right Costilla County requires all new service to be underground and the transmission line should have to meet the same requirements as everyone else. Am very opposed to having the transmission line come through here under any circumstances. How are the costs of the line going to be passed on and to whom. No one can afford to have their rates increased because of a power line that will be used basically to ship out the solar energy that is being produced here in the valley.

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I-234-001: NEPA Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. has requested financial assistance from the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for their anticipated ownership interest in the proposed San Luis Valley – Calumet - Comanche Transmission Project. RUS has determined that funding Tri-State's ownership interest is a federal action requiring analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

RUS is the lead federal agency for NEPA, and will consult with other federal, state, and local agencies, and affiliated tribes as well as adhere to applicable regulations.

Additional information regarding the NEPA process can be found on the RUS project website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/envIRON.htm>. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-234-002: Wildlife (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to wildlife from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-234-003: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in

<http://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=760671f559&view=pt&search=inbox&msg...> 9/22/2009

late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-234-004: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Electrical characteristics of the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-234-005: Noise (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts associated with noise from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-234-006: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-234-007: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the

proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.
The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.